

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 25, 2016

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

### **City Council Meeting Homework**

Even though this week has been Spring Break for the school kids – the City Council has some homework for Monday night's meeting. City Councilors are asked to come prepared to have your picture taken for the new City Web Page. Members of the Council are also asked to bring or email a brief statement to the City Recorder describing you, your experience, why you are on the Council and why Cottage Grove is a great place to live, work and play. We are getting very close to the "go-live" date for the new City Website and we would like it to be as complete as possible, so please come ready for pictures and bring or send your information as soon as possible.

### **Curb Shopping, Trash Picking or Street Scavenging**

We have had a number of complaints regarding individuals rummaging through garbage cans on garbage days. Those rummaging remove garbage or throw out garbage from the can with no regard to the neighborhood in search for cans or bottles to be redeemed for deposit. Under State Law such trash picking is illegal. It is dangerous, typically results in trash in the yard or street and could also result in identity theft if other items are found in the trash. Please, if you see anyone digging through any trash can or recycling bin call the Police Department, even if it is not your trash can, please call.

### **Scenic Bikeway**

The City Manager attended a meeting of the State Scenic Bikeway Committee in Madras on Wednesday and then on Thursday rode the Madras Mountain Views Scenic Bikeway. The Committee rode the bikeway to determine any needs or issues associated with the Scenic Bikeway and to hear about successes the community has experienced as a result of the Scenic Bikeway. The Scenic Bikeway is a great example of the best that Oregon can offer. Madras, Metolius and Culver have experienced many of the same successes that we have in Cottage Grove as they are continuing to promote the Scenic Bikeway and enhance the tourism experience. The City Manager was appointed to the State Scenic Bikeway by the Oregon State Parks Department to represent cities from throughout the state on the committee.

### **Main Street Bridge**

The City had hired OBEC Engineers to evaluate the seven bridges within the community that the City is responsible to maintain. The evaluation resulted in 36 projects that were mostly simple maintenance projects that can be addressed by City Staff. However, the number one issue was with the east approach to the Main Street Bridge. The bridge itself is safe and sound but the east approach to the bridge was an immediate concern. The concern is that the bank under the east approach has experienced some significant erosion. Eventually, the erosion of the bank under the approach to the bridge will be an issue and cause the approach to collapse. The processes to evaluate, design, get permits and approvals can be time consuming so that work needs to begin as soon as possible. As a result of the need to get started with the process to address the concerns at the Main Street Bridge we will not be moving forward with repairs to South 6<sup>th</sup> until we know the extent of the costs to fix the bridge approach.

The engineers have not issued any restrictions for traffic or loads on the approach. The Main Street Bridge and approaches are currently safe.

### **Police Department Training**

Cottage Grove Police Department's newest officer, Joshua Dumas will be attending the Department of Public Safety Standards Training Basic Police Academy one month earlier than originally planned. The CGPD was contacted this week by DPSST advising that there was an academy slot open in April. Dumas will attend April 18<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He joins class #359.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”*

*~Malcolm Forbes~*